

II AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1–10, 12–13, 19–21, 24, 30, 36 and 43 as set forth below in a listing of the current status of all claims in the Application.

Claim 1. (currently amended) A method for the impregnation and treatment of wood comprising the step of

– applying a composition to the wood

wherein said composition ~~comprises~~ consists essentially of benzyl alcohol and tannic acid.

Claim 2. (currently amended) ~~The method according to claim 1~~ A method for the impregnation and treatment of wood comprising the step of applying a composition to the wood, wherein the composition ~~further comprises~~ consists essentially of benzyl alcohol, tannic acid and essential oils.

- Claim 3. (currently amended) ~~The method according to claim 1~~ A method for the impregnation and treatment of wood comprising the step of applying a composition to the wood, wherein said composition ~~further comprises~~ consists essentially of benzyl alcohol, tannic acid and glycerol.
- Claim 4. (currently amended) The method according to claim 3, wherein said composition comprises less than 50% by weight of ~~an alcohol selected from the group consisting of ethanol, isopropanol or benzyl alcohol or a mixture of these alcohols.~~
- Claim 5. (currently amended) A method for the impregnation and treatment of wood comprising the step of applying a composition to the wood, wherein said composition ~~comprises~~ consists essentially of propylene glycol and tannic acid.
- Claim 6. (currently amended) ~~The method according to claim 5~~ A method for the impregnation and treatment of wood comprising the step of applying a composition to the wood, wherein said composition ~~further comprises~~ consists essentially of benzyl alcohol, tannic acid and tannin.

Claim 7. (currently amended) ~~The method according to claim 1~~ A method for the impregnation and treatment of wood comprising the step of applying a composition to the wood, wherein said composition ~~comprises~~ consists essentially of benzyl alcohol, propyl alcohol(a) and, tannin (b) and tannic acid (c).

Claim 8. (currently amended) The method according to claim 7 ~~6~~, wherein said ~~antimicrobial and/or antiparasitic composition comprises~~ consists essentially of:
from 0.1 to 99% by weight of benzyl alcohol ~~and propyl alcohol~~;
from 0.01 to 25% by weight of tannin; and
from 0.01 to 70% by weight of tannic acid.

Claim 9. (currently amended) ~~The method according to claim 5~~ A method for the impregnation and treatment of wood comprising the step of applying a composition to the wood, wherein said ~~GRAS flavor alcohol composition~~ comprises benzyl alcohol, propylene glycol, ~~and cinnamyl alcohol and~~ said ~~polyphenol compound (b) comprises~~ tannin and said ~~GRAS acid (c) comprises~~ tannic acid.

Claim 10. (currently amended) ~~The method according to claim 1~~ A method for the impregnation and treatment of wood comprising the step of applying a composition to the wood, wherein said composition comprises:

- (a1) benzyl alcohol;
- (a2) propylene glycol; and
- (b) tannin; and
- (c) ~~tannic acid~~.

Claim 11. (cancelled)

Claim 12. (currently amended) ~~The method according to claim 1~~ A method for the impregnation and treatment of wood comprising the step of applying a composition to the wood, wherein said composition ~~further comprises~~ consists essentially of benzyl alcohol, tannic acid, tannin and lactic acid.

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Claim 13. (currently amended) ~~The method according to claim 7A~~ A method for the impregnation and treatment of wood comprising the step of applying a composition to the wood, wherein said composition comprises ~~further GRAS flavoring agents selected from~~ benzyl alcohol, tannic acid, propylene glycol, tannin and essential oils.

Claims 14–18 (cancelled)

Claim 19. (currently amended) ~~The method according to claim 18~~ A method for the impregnation and treatment of wood comprising the step of applying a composition to the wood, wherein said composition comprises from 0.1 to 98% by weight of benzyl alcohol and from 0.01 to ~~40~~25% by weight of tannin.

Claim 20. (currently amended) A method for the impregnation and treatment of wood comprising the step of applying a composition to the wood, wherein said composition comprises:

(i) benzyl alcohol ~~and~~;

(ii) propylene glycol: and

(iii) tannic acid.

Claim 21. (currently amended) ~~The method according to claim 20~~ A method for the impregnation and treatment of wood comprising the step of applying a composition to the wood, wherein said composition ~~further~~ comprises benzyl alcohol, propylene glycol, tannic acid and essential oils.

Claims 22–23. (cancelled)

Claim 24. (currently amended) ~~The method according to claim 20~~ A method for the impregnation and treatment of wood comprising the step of applying a composition to the wood wherein said composition further comprises consists essentially of benzyl alcohol, tannic acid, propylene glycol, lactic acid and cinnamyl alcohol.

Claims 25–29 (cancelled)

Claim 30. (currently amended) The method according to claim 28 ~~1~~, wherein said composition ~~comprises~~ consists essentially of:
from 0.01 to 99% by weight of benzyl alcohol and
from 0.01 to 50% by weight of tannic acid.

Claims 31–35. (cancelled)

Claim 36. (currently amended) ~~The method according to claim 32~~ A method for the impregnation and treatment of wood comprising the step of applying a composition to the wood, wherein said composition comprises:

- from 0.1 to 99% by weight of benzyl alcohol;
- from 0.01 to 99.8% by weight of propylene glycol;
- from 0.01 to 25% by weight of tannin; and
- from 0.01 to 70% by weight of tannic acid.

Claims 37–42. (cancelled)

Claim 43. (currently amended) ~~The method according to claim 42~~ A method for the impregnation and treatment of wood comprising the step of applying a composition to the wood, wherein said composition comprises from 20 to 98% by weight of benzyl alcohol and from 0.01 to 10% by weight of tannin.

Claims 44–45. (cancelled)

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- Claim 46. (previously presented) The method of treatment of wood comprising the step of applying the composition as defined in claim 1 by spraying.
- Claim 47. (previously presented) A method of treatment of wood comprising the step of applying the composition as defined in claim 5 by spraying.
- Claim 48. (previously presented) A method of treatment of wood comprising the step of incorporating the composition as defined in claim 20 by spraying.